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1. The following additional troop trains _____

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Dresden railroad district.

<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
5	16 cars with soldiers, vehicles and tanks	Glauchau	Maldensleben
8	16 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Dresden-Neustadt	Friedersdorf
16	35 cars	Dresden-Neustadt	Koenigsbrueck
	28 cars	Dresden-Neustadt	Koenigsbrueck
11	40 cars	Dresden-Reick	Schwepnitz
13	43 cars	Dresden-Reick	Schwepnitz
15	39 cars	Dresden-Reick	Koenigsbrueck
	5 cars and 11 RRYM-type flatcars	Meissen	Schwepnitz
	7 cars and 11 RRYM-type flatcars	Meissen	Schwepnitz

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
15	6 cars and 11 RRYM-type flatcars	Meissen	Schwepnitz
	35 cars	Meissen	Koenigsbrueck
	34 cars	Meissen	Koenigsbrueck
16	25 cars	Meissen	Schwepnitz
12	3 cars and 13 RRYM-type flatcars	Dresden- Klotzsche	Koenigsbrueck
	4 cars and 15 RRYM-type flatcars	Dresden- Klotzsche	Koenigsbrueck
14	15 cars	Dresden- Klotzsche	Schmorkau
13	28 cars	Dresden- Klotzsche	Schwepnitz
	21 cars	Dresden- Klotzsche	Schwepnitz
14	25 cars	Dresden- Klotzsche	Schwepnitz
	15 cars	Dresden- Klotzsche	Schwepnitz
	8 cars	Dresden- Klotzsche	Schwepnitz
12	2 cars and 10 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers and tanks	Dresden- Neustadt	Schwepnitz
	10 RRYM-type flatcars with tanks	Dresden- Neustadt	Schwepnitz
14	10 RRYM-type flatcars with tanks	Dresden- Neustadt	Schwepnitz
	2 cars and 10 RRYM-type flatcars with tanks	Dresden- Neustadt	Schwepnitz
16	2 cars and 13 RRYM-type flatcars with tanks	Dresden- Neustadt	Schwepnitz
14	39 cars and 2 SSY-type flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
15	15 cars and 15 SSY-type flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	Leisnig	Schwepnitz

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
16	16 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Leisnig	Koenigsbrueck
18	2 cars and 10 RRYM-type flatcars with tanks and equipment	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
	2 cars and 10 RRYM-type flatcars with tanks	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
	2 cars and 10 RRYM-type flatcars with tanks	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
19	25 cars with soldiers and equipment	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
	7 cars and 8 SSY-type flatcars with vehicles	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
	17 cars with soldiers, tanks and equipment	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
	30 cars with soldiers, tanks and vehicles	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
	17 cars with vehicles	Leisnig	Schwepnitz
26	4 cars and 8 RRYM-type flatcars	Johanngeorgenstadt	Koenigsbrueck
25	11 cars	Chemnitz	Johanngeorgenstadt
	11 cars	Chemnitz	Schwarzenberg
28	58 cars	Chemnitz	Koenigsbrueck

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
1	8 cars with soldiers and tanks	Donndorf	Halle	6
13	18 cars with soldiers and tanks	Donndorf	Ohrdruf	6
2	55 cars	Rudolstadt	Plauen	7
8	23 cars	Naumburg	Neubukow	8
17	12 cars	Naumburg	Gotha	
	39 cars	Naumburg	Eisenach	
	53 cars	Naumburg	Eisenach	
18	54 cars	Naumburg	Eisenach	
19	46 cars	Naumburg	Eisenach	
	42 cars	Naumburg	Eisenach	
	50 cars	Naumburg	Eisenach	
	46 cars	Naumburg	Eisenach	
	27 cars	Naumburg	Eisenach	
18	52 cars	Naumburg	Mechterstaedt	
19	51 cars	Naumburg	Mechterstaedt	
20	54 cars	Naumburg	Mechterstaedt	
	56 cars	Naumburg	Mechterstaedt	25X1
22	26 cars	Naumburg	Mechterstaedt	
	23 cars	Naumburg	Eisenach	
9	22 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Zeitz	Haldensleben	9
17	17 cars with soldiers, vehicles and six tanks	Zeitz	Ohrdruf	
	16 cars with soldiers, vehicles and five tanks	Zeitz	Ohrdruf	
	18 cars with soldiers, vehicles and 6 tanks	Zeitz	Ohrdruf	
	35 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Zeitz	Ohrdruf	

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
18	16 cars with soldiers, vehicles and six tanks	Zeitz	Ohrdruf
	33 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Zeitz	Ohrdruf
	37 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Zeitz	Ohrdruf
	49 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Zeitz	Ohrdruf
	38 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Zeitz	Ohrdruf
	27 cars with soldiers, vehicles and five tanks	Zeitz	Ohrdruf
	22 cars with soldiers, vehicles and four tanks	Zeitz	Ohrdruf
20	23 cars with soldiers, vehicles and five tanks	Zeitz	Ohrdruf
	45 cars with soldiers	Zeitz	Ohrdruf
9	6 cars and 8 RRYM-type flatcars	Jena	Wolmirstedt
10	18 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Ohrdruf	Donndorf
13	54 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weissenfels	Mechterstaedt
	53 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weissenfels	Eisenach
	49 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weissenfels	Eisenach
19	47 cars and 2 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	Weissenfels	Eisenach

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<u>Date in</u> <u>April</u>	<u>Composition of</u> <u>Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>
20	22 cars and 9 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	Weissenfels	Eisenach
	28 cars and 5 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	Weissenfels	Eisenach
	22 cars and 5 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	Weissenfels	Eisenach
	25 cars and 7 RRYM-type flatcars with soldiers and vehicles	Weissenfels	Eisenach
	48 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weissenfels	Eisenach
17	47 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
	11 cars and 10 RRYM-type flatcars	Jena	Crawinkel
	19 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
	7 cars and 15 RRYM-type flatcars	Jena	Crawinkel
18	10 cars and 10 RRYM-type flatcars	Jena	Crawinkel
	13 cars and 5 RRYM-type flatcars	Jena	Crawinkel
	22 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
20	30 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
	54 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
	25 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
	52 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
	27 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
	29 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
	11 cars and 6 RRYM-type flatcars	Jena	Crawinkel
	47 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
	26 cars	Jena	Ohrdruf
21	56 cars	Jena	Crawinkel
	37 cars	Jena	Crawinkel

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
22	33 cars	Jena	Crawinkel	
	49 cars	Jena	Crawinkel	
17	40 cars	Jena	Ohrdruf	-
18	42 cars	Jena	Georgenthal	-
	58 cars	Jena	Georgenthal	-
20	58 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Saalfeld	Emleben	-
21	43 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Saalfeld	Georgenthal	-
	52 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Saalfeld	Emleben	-
23	30 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Saalfeld	Justerbog	- 10
	24 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Saalfeld	Ohrdruf	-
20	56 cars	Gera	Georgenthal	
	43 cars	Gera	Emleben	
	29 cars	Gera	Emleben	
	28 cars	Gera	Georgenthal	
21	43 cars	Gera	Ohrdruf	
	42 cars	Gera	Ohrdruf	
	40 cars	Gera	Ohrdruf	
22	48 cars	Gera	Emleben	
	39 cars	Gera	Emleben	
20	41 cars with vehicles	Meiningen; [redacted]	Georgenthal	- 25X1
	47 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Meiningen; [redacted]	Ohrdruf	- 25X1
	44 cars with vehicles	Meiningen; [redacted]	Georgenthal	- 25X1
	45 cars with vehicles	Meiningen; [redacted]	Ohrdruf	- 25X1

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>		
25	42 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Ohrdruf	Altengrabow		
9	12 cars with soldiers, vehicles and tanks	Weimar	Haldensleben	-	9
10	57 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Altengrabow	-	11
16	33 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Crawinkel	-	
	23 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Crawinkel	-	
17	37 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Georgenthal	-	
	43 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Georgenthal	-	
18	41 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Crawinkel	-	
	31 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Ohrdruf	-	
	35 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Ohrdruf	-	
20	41 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Crawinkel	-	
22	25 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Aken	-	12
23	37 cars with soldiers and vehicles	Weimar	Aken	-	12

2. The following additional troop trains [redacted] Magdeburg railroad district between 9 and 28 April:

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<u>Date in April</u>	<u>Composition of Troop Trains</u>	<u>Dispatching Unit</u>	<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	
9	14 cars		Altengrabow	Ellerholz	14
15	49 cars		Altengrabow	Neustrelitz	14
1	59 cars		Borstel near Stendal	Guestrow	15
3	47 cars		Borstel near Stendal	Guestrow	15
	40 cars		Hillersleben	Weissenfels	9
9	18 cars		Hillersleben	Glauchau	1
13	12 cars		Haldensleben	Weimar	9
17	39 cars		Haldensleben	Prenzlau	16
22	59 cars		Haldensleben	Tangerhuetten	17
28	49 cars		Haldensleben	Altengrabow	16
14	37 cars		Bad Suderode	Tangermunde	17
	30 cars		Bad Suderode	Tangermunde	17
21	50 cars		Barby	Tangermunde	17

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1. Comment. Probably a troop train carrying a tank detail of the 220th Hvy Tank SP Regt of the Eighth Gds Army which, on 9 April 1953, returned to its home station from firing practices. The unloading of the detail at Glauchau was observed on 10 April 1953.
2. Comment. Probably the Friedersdorf railroad station which is located in the Erzgebirge. The information fails to indicate the assignment of the vehicles and the destination of the unit.
3. Comment. two troop trains with components of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) which, as in the previous year, went to the Koenigsbrueck troop training grounds for combat firing practices.
4. Comment. These troop trains probably also carried contingents of the 6th Gds AAA Div (US) which were rotated to previously reported areas of the Uranium Mining District for air defense.
5. Comment. All other troop trains reported from the Dresden railroad district indicate movements of units from posts in this district to the Koenigsbrueck area. The observations confirm and supplement previous information on these posts. Units participating in the movements included:
From Dresden. Between 11 and 16 April 1953: contingents of the 11th Gds Tank Div and army units of the First Gds Mecz Army on 18 troop trains.
From Meissen. On 15 and 16 April 1953: probably the 45th Gds Tank Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div, and, probably also numerous rocket launchers, on 6 troop trains. The rocket launchers possibly belong to the unidentified rocket launcher regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army which is thus reported for the first time. It cannot be determined whether troops of the 9th Tank Div stationed in Meissen also moved to the Koenigsbrueck area.

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From Leisnig. Between 14 and 19 April; components of the 8th Gds Mecz Div on 11 troop trains, including the 64th Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, the 358th Gds AAA Regt, and the unidentified Gds rocket launcher battalion. Other shipments of the 8th Gds Mecz Div have not been identified as most of the posts belonging to the division are located in the Halle railroad district.

- 25X1A 6. Comment. Probably movements of small contingents of units belonging to the Eighth Gds Army preceding the transportation of the divisions to the troop training grounds on and after 17 April 1953.
- 25X1A 7. Comment. Probably a troop train carrying a component of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div which returned to its home station in Plauen.
- 25X1A 8. Comment. The troop train [redacted] probably carried an 25X1 element of the 498th AAA Regt (US) which moved from Naumburg to Wustrow.
- 25X1A 9. Comment. Troop trains with tank details of the 20th Gds Mecz Div which left Zeitz, Jena and Weimar on 9 April 1953. The troops from Weimar probably returned to their home station on 13 April 1953. The loading of troops at Zeitz on 9 April 1953 was previously observed. [redacted]. The troop train from Hildershausen to Weissenfels probably carried a detail of the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. 25X1A
- 25X1A 10. Comment. The troop train possibly carried elements of the 316th RL Regt (US) to the Jueterbog training area for combat firing practice.
- 25X1A 11. Comment. Troops transferred to Altengrabow probably included:
On 25 April 1953. An AAA unit of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, possibly elements of the 935th AAA Bn (US).
On 10 April 1953. Light AAA units of the 13th AAA Div. The entraining of these troops at Weimar on 10 April 1953, and their return from Altengrabow and unloading at Weimar on 2 June 1953 were previously observed. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1A 12. Comment. The two troop trains carried elements of the 19th Gds Engr Bn of the Eighth Gds Army. The entraining and unloading of troops belonging to the battalion were previously observed by other sources. [redacted] 25X1
- 25X1A 13. Comment. Troop movements to the troop training grounds, on and after 13 April 1953, included the following units stationed in the Erfurt railroad district:
To the Kindel troop training grounds.
From Naumburg. Between 17 and 22 April 1953: contingents of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, and headquarters units of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, on 15 troop trains.
From Weissenfels. Between 13 and 20 April 1953: components of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div on 9 troop trains, including the 174th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt, the 17th Gds Tank SP Regt, and the 932nd AAA Bn (US).
To the Ohrdruf troop training grounds.
From Jena. Between 17 and 22 April 1953: most of the components of the 20th Gds Mecz Div on 22 troop trains.
From Zeitz. Between 17 and 20 April: two regiments and a battalion of the 20th Gds Mecz Div on 13 troop trains.
From Weimar. Between 16 and 20 April: two regiments of the 20th Gds Mecz Div on 8 troop trains which possibly also carried headquarters units of the Eighth Gds Army.
From Meiningen. On 20 April: components of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div on 4 troop trains which probably carried most of the 117th Gds Mtz Rifle Regt. This discredits rumors from Meiningen that, in late April 1953, these troops had left Meiningen to be employed at the border.
From Saalfeld. Between 20 and 23 April: large contingents of the 316th RL Regt (US), and probably also details of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div or headquarters units of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps, on 4 troop trains.

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From Gera. Between 20 and 22 April: the 303th Arty Brig of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps on 9 troop trains.

The movements in the area of the Eighth Gds Army are commented on as follows:

- a. The direction of the troop trains indicate that the components of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div and XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps in Naumburg probably were first transported to Kindel. Thus, in late April 1953, only the 21st Gds Mecz Div was at the Lossa troop training grounds. Movements of the 76th Arty Brig (US) are not listed in the present report, as Merseburg belongs to the Halle railroad district. Components of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Gotha and Langensalza probably moved by road to Kindel; in May 1953, the barracks installations at these posts were occupied by rear details only.
- b. About 43 trains were to be made available for transportation of the 20th Gds Mecz Div to the Ohrdruf troop training grounds. This is equivalent to the number of trains usually employed by other mechanized divisions in East Germany.
- c. The present report includes no movements of corps troops of the XXIX Gds Mtz Rifle Corps from Leipzig-Schoena. It is doubted that troops from Leipzig moved to Kindel as Leipzig belongs to the Halle railroad district.
- d. Movements from Rudolstadt were probably not observed. It cannot be determined whether troop trains actually left Rudolstadt in April 1953. Some contingents possibly were entrained at a later date.

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14. Comment. On 15 and 30 March 1953, one troop train probably with a light air force AAA unit each went from Ellerholz to Altenradow. According to the present report, one of these units returned to its home station on 9 April 1953. Other transportation reports indicate that, on 27 March 1953, the same component of the 9th Gds Tank Div arrived at Altenradow which moved from Altenradow to Neustrelitz on 15 April 1953. 25X1
 been repeatedly observed at Neustrelitz since 1948. As, in March and April 1953, most of the troops conducting firing practices with live ammunition at Altenradow were AAA units to the 121st (?) AAA Regt of the 9th Gds Tank Div. Thus, this unit is confirmed in Neustrelitz until 15 April 1953. The troop train on 28 April 1953 from Haldensleben probably carried an AAA unit of the 19th Gds Mecz Div, possibly the 2503rd Gds AAA Regt from Hillersleben.

15. Comment. During April 1953, the unidentified engineer battalion of the IX Mtz Rifle Corps allegedly was also transferred from Schwerin to Guestrow-Friemrwalde for construction work. Therefore, it is believed that contingents of the XXXIX Mtz Rifle Corps also moved to Guestrow to be employed at the above work.

16. Comment. the HQ of the Fourth Gds Army. This indicates that the troop train carried a unit of this army and, as Frenzleu was receiving station, probably a component of the 25th Tank Div. An element of the 83rd Gds Hvy Tank 48 Regt of the same division had been at Letzing Heath between 23 and 28 March 1953.

17. Comment. The troop train from Haldensleben probably carried the unidentified Gds engineer battalion of the 19th Gds Mecz Div to the engineer training site at Ritzkau. The troop train from Marby hauled elements of the 15th Gds Mgr Zn of the Third Shock Army to the same training site. The two troop trains from Bad Suderode probably carried elements of the 57th Mtz Rifle Regt of the 207th Mtz Rifle Div stationed in Quedlinburg. It is believed that these troops subsequently moved to the northern sector of Letzing Heath where the bulk of the division is stationed at Camp Hottendorf since late April 1953. The shipments from Quedlinburg were previously reported.

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25X1 18. Comment. These tabulations, although dating back, are submitted as they contain valuable confirmations and supplements on the actual occupation of troop training grounds in the various areas. The information is based on original documents and is, therefore, believed correct. Information, however, could not be obtained from all railroad stations of the railroad districts. For example, it is believed that, during April 1953, troop trains were also dispatched from Riesa and Oschatz in the Dresden railroad district. 25X1

25X1 RTOs of the Third Shock Army and Eighth Gds Army respectively.

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